

1. (currently amended) A system for processing a telephone call, the system comprising:

a wire line telephone system including:

means for receiving a called number from a calling party number,

means for dialing said called number,

means for determining whether a personalized message associated with said called number is intended for said calling party number in response to a busy or no answer signal on said called number, ~~and~~

means for delivering said personalized message to said calling party number,

a service switching point connected to a plurality of subscriber locations, each of said subscriber locations including a respective wire line telephone,

a first signal transfer point including means for communicating with said service switching point,

a service control point including means for communicating with said first signal transfer point, said service control point containing a database, and

a service node connected to said service switching point through a data link, and connected to the service control point through a second data link,

said service control point including means for commanding said service switching point to forward said calling party number to said service node for delivery of said personalized message, wherein said service node includes means for providing an indication that said service control point has commanded said service switching point to forward said calling party number to said service node for delivery of said personalized message.

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3. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein said service control point includes means for performing said determining whether a personalized message associated with said called number is intended for said calling party.
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6. (currently amended) The system of claim 51, wherein said service node includes means for providing a prompt before said service control point commands said service switching point to forward said calling party number to said service node for delivery of said personalized message.
7. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein said database includes a subscription list.
8. (currently amended) The system of claim 41, wherein said database of said service control point comprises a programmable telephone number table that includes a first telephone number and at least one next telephone number.
9. (previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein said service node includes means for allowing modification of said programmable telephone number table.
10. (previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein said service node

includes means for allowing modification of said personalized message.

11. (previously presented) The system of claim 9 or 10, wherein said service node includes means for allowing said modifications using one of telephone keypad commands and an Internet website.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein said wire line telephone system comprises an Internet website and a flow-through provisioning system, and wherein the means for delivering said personalized message further comprises means for retrieving said message from the internet website and means for playing said message on said calling party number.

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